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To: Social Issues Committee
The American Society of Human Genetics
Arno Motulsky, Chairman

From: J. Lederberg

I am pinchhitting for Arno to report to you the recommendations of a rump section of the committee that met here on June 30, 1968. Arno will be back from his vacation about the time that you receive this.

A draft of the specific recommended resolution is enclosed. It refers to a statement on screening legislation which is still in somewhat rough form, and in any case does not form an integral part of the recommendation. You will, however, have a usable copy of this shortly.

Arno asks for any comments, including assent, at your early convenience so that the final version can be prepared for submission to the Society at its fall meeting.

At Marge Shaw's request I have put together a short symposium for a session on the afternoon of October 11 between 1:00 and 3:30 p.m. This will consist of James Crow on Mutation, Mark H. Haller on Eugenics, and myself on Genetic Engineering. For the evening, we were thinking of having the members of the committee and of the symposium panel form a round table discussion of the virtues and hazards of a position of advocacy on the part of the Society. This would then be followed by about half an hour for the presentation of the committee's recommendations, which I assume will be up for Society discussion not at the time but at the later business meeting.

Please communicate further comments, in the first instance, to Arno.

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